

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT FOR THE
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION**

VICTOR J. SAIDU,)
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Plaintiff,) **Case No. 14 C 6614**
) **Hon. Milton I. Shadur**
vs.) **Hearing Date: September 8, 2014**
) **Hearing Time: 9:15 a.m.**
CITY COLLEGES OF CHICAGO,)
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Defendant.)

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO WITHDRAW

Movant, Patricia Susan Spratt (“Movant”), of Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP (“Taft”), appointed counsel for Plaintiff Victor J. Saidu, hereby seeks leave to withdraw as counsel and in support states as follows:

1. By this Court’s Order dated August 29, 2014, Movant was appointed counsel for Plaintiff under the District Court’s Local Rule 83.37 (*see* Dkt. # 6). Immediately following notice of her appointment, Movant caused a conflicts check to be performed within Taft to ensure that her representation of the Plaintiff did not create a conflict of interest with another client under Rule 1.7 of either the Illinois Rules of Professional Conduct or the ABA Model Rules of Professional Conduct, which have been adopted as the District Court’s Local Rules of Professional Conduct.

2. The conflicts check disclosed that Taft currently represents Defendant City Colleges of Chicago (“the Client”). Accordingly, absent a waiver of the conflict by both the Plaintiff and the Client, Movant’s continued representation of the Plaintiff is a violation of Rule 1.7.

3. Before contacting the Plaintiff, Movant inquired of the Client if it would waive the conflict. Movant was informed that the Client will not agree to waive the conflict. As a consequence, Movant may not represent the Plaintiff in this action without violating her professional ethical obligations to both the Plaintiff and the Client. Movant therefore seeks leave of this Court to withdraw as counsel for the Plaintiff.

WHEREFORE, Movant Patricia Susan Spratt, of Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP, requests this Court grant her leave to withdraw as counsel for Plaintiff Victor J. Saidu in this matter.

Dated: September 2, 2014

Respectfully submitted,

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